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(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, FEB. 5 (AP)-OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND DALLAS WERE SO SHOCKED BY THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY THAT FOR A TIME NOBODY COULD REMEMBER THE PROCEDURE FOR SWEARING IN VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

"A GREAT MANY EMINENT ATTORNEYS, ROBERT KENNEDY AMONG THEM, WERE SO SHAKEN THAT THEY HAD FORGOTTEN WHERE THEY COULD LAY THEIR HANDS ON THE (PRESIDENTIAL) OATH," WILLIAM MANCHESTER WROTE IN HIS BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT." A THIRD INSTALLMENT WAS CARRIED BY LOOK MAGAZINE TODAY.

MANCHESTER REPRESENTS JOHNSON AS ASKING "WHO, WHEN AND HOW" HE SHOULD TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL, CALLED TWO AIDES FOR THE INFORMATION. THEY TOLD HIM THE OATH IS IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THAT ANYONE WHO ADMINISTERS OATHS UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS WAS QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER IT, THE WRITER REPORTED.

JOHNSON THEN ASKED A FRIEND, FEDERAL JUDGE SARAH HUGHES, TO COME TO THE AIRPLANE AND PERFORM THE CEREMONY.

VICE PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE OVER THE OATH, TOO.

THE WORD OF PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING'S DEATH REACHED COOLIDGE AT HIS HOME IN PLYMOUTH, VT., IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, ON AUG. 2, 1923.

IT CAUGHT THE VICE PRESIDENT BY SURPRISE.

IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, COOLIDGE SAID HE ASKED HIS FATHER, JOHN CALVIN COOLIDGE, IF HE STILL HELD THE POSITION OF NOTARY PUBLIC. RECEIVING AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER, THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID TO HIS FATHER, "THEN, I WANT YOU TO SWEAR ME IN."

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THE ELDER COOLIDGE KNEW THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH IS IN THE CONSTITUTION BUT HISTORIANS INDICATE HE COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY FIND

A COPY.

WHEN ONE WAS FOUND, THE ELDER COOLIDGE SHAVED, DRESSED, AND, AT 2:47 A.M., ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO HIS SON.

THE OATH READS:

"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES."

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